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**EANA ASC Minutes
 Sunday, December 9, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer and the reading of the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of NA.
 Quorum call: 12. Quorum was attained.

ASC Chairperson	Alison C.	Present	Awakenings	Steve
ASC Vice-chairperson	Adam Z	Present	Back To Basics	Jade
RCM	Christiane	Present	Circle Thursday	Giuseppe
RCMA	OPEN		Conscious Contact	Clay/Haidee
ASC Secretary	Myriam	Present	Day By Day	Nixsy
ASC Secretary-Alternate	OPEN		Free On Friday	Pascal
ASC Treasurer	OPEN		In Fokus	Absent
Activities Chairperson	Greg H	Present	Inside Job	Verna
Convention Chairperson	OPEN		Lighthouse	Absent
			Marefat	Absent
Daily Inventory Chairperson	Tammy	Present	New Beginning	AJ
H&I Chairperson	Don M	Present	Out Of The Dark on Park	Charles
Literature Chairperson	Dean R.	Present	Saturday Night Clean	Jason
P.I.–Helpline Chairperson	Jenn C.	Present	Serenity Sisters	Christianne
Ad hoc	Nixsy	Present	Show Me How To Live	Absent
Archivist	OPEN		Step by Step	David
			Take it or Leave it	Ali
			The Steps Work	Absent
			Through Prayer and Meditation	Dez

Group Open Positions

Group	GSR/GSRA		Secretary/Treasurer	
Awakenings	Michael C	Steven.P	Arthur	Katie
Back To Basics	Open (6 months)	Open (3 months)	Lorne B.	Myriam G.
Circle Thursday	Giuseppe	Stewart	Stanley	Jeff
Conscious Contact	Open (6 months)	Open (3 months)	Haidee-Neil	Mike W.
Day By Day	Michael	Open (3 months)	Nixsy/Tammy (alt)	Jonathan
Free On Friday	Open	Pascal	Noah S	Keith
In Fokus	Crystal	Open	Danny	Open
Inside Job	Verna	Keith	Kat- Alt. Secretary	Michael C
Lighthouse	Open	Open	Moishe	Daniel E.
Marefat	Shahram	Open	Hamed	Open
New Beginning	Open	AJ	Jordan	Verna
Out Of The Dark	Charles	Open (3 months)	Francois	Keith
Saturday Night Clean	Jason	Open	Alain	Open
Serenity Sisters	Mary Ellen	Open	Star	Christiane
Show me how to live	Open	Open (6 months)	Open	Open (1 year)

Step by Step	Open		Open		David	????
Take It Or Leave It	Adam W		Ali		Michael G	Mary Ellen
The Steps Work	Samantha		Open		Lucille	Open
Through Prayer and Meditation	Dez		Denis		Myriam	Karine
Subcommittee	Chair/Vice		Secretary/Alt		Treasurer	RCM
Admin	Alison C.	Adam Z.	Myriam	Open	Open	Christiane Archivist
Activities	Greg H	Open	A.J.			
Convention	Open	Open	Open		Open	
Daily Inventory	Tammy	Open	Open			
H&I	Don M.	Open	Nixsy			
Literature	Dean R.	Open	Open		Open	
Public Relations	Jenn C.	Mike W.	Haidee		Open (2 years)	PR Webmaster: Dean R.
Ad Hoc	Nixsy	Open				PR Helpline alt: Keith M

HOSPITALS AND INSTITIONS	Coordinator	Alternate Coordinator
Addington	Josh	Michael G
Bordeaux CCR ♂	Open (1 year clean, male)	Pascal
Foster	Keith	Open (6 months clean);
Onen'tó:kon	Steeve F	Open (6 months clean);

Orientation of new members: There were 2 new members orientation was given.

Chair:

Thank you all for being here and participating in our recovery. Welcome to the EANA Area Service Committee meeting.

I chaired the Admin meeting of November 27. Among other things, we discussed holiday meeting closures, in particular the next Admin meeting, which falls on December 25. As an Admin meeting on Christmas Day would not work for most of us, the Admin committee decided that it would hold a quick meeting this afternoon after Area today and schedule a follow-up if required.

As you know, Greg was voted in as Activities Chair at the last Area meeting. I attended his first two Activities subcommittee meetings to offer my support and provide information on guidelines.

Have a great Area meeting, everyone.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Alison C.

Questions/Comments/Discussion:
None

Vice Chair:

Vice Chair Report:

Not much to report. I went to Greg's first activities meeting and the event planning seemed to be off to a good start. It's been a very busy time of year for me due to final exams and I have been unable to make any of the subsequent meetings. I attended the November admin meeting which was not well attended; no major issues were discussed. I suggested that we keep a group attendance document and Myriam was already on top of that. I also brought up that I am not well informed on the Area's routine regular expenses and since we have no treasurer, I verbalized my concern that Alison and I are the point of accountability as signing officers and that I would like a complete explanation or document outlining the amounts and periodicity of all regular expenses that would require the issuing of a cheque. We decided that due to the holidays, we may cancel the December Admin meeting to be determined based on today's Area and if there are any major issues that need addressing. The DI entries were emailed to the Admin for approval because for whatever reason the DI was not available at the November Admin meeting. I read the submissions and found nothing that seemed overly objectionable and gave my approval.

Adam

Questions/Comments/Discussion:

Haidee questioned Adam about Area expenses as he felt he did not have accountability. Adam clarified he wanted to know what regular recurring expenses such as gas, translations for which he would need to write a cheque.

Secretary:

The minutes were sent out for approval. The minutes were approved.

A Quorum tracker has been prepared. Quorum is now at 9. The calculation is as follows
 19 groups – 3 groups absent for 6 months= 16. $(16/2) + 1 = 9$

Myriam

Questions/Comments/Discussion:

Alison suggested that even though we tried to go paperless, it would be handy to have one copy handy for Area.

Myriam suggested one per group but was unaware this had been voted out.

Ali wanted to know if they send out confirmation that the minutes are approved.

Jenn stated that three copies of the minutes be available here.

It has been decided by consensus (meaning nobody objected) that 3 hard copies will be available at the Area table.

Treasurer:

Starting Balance		\$3 789,82
Deposits	\$75,00	
Expenses	\$4,00	
Closing Balance		\$3 860,82

The closing balance includes \$1 600 for PR and one outstanding cheque has not been cashed
 Cheque 721 in the amount of \$274, 79 for Daily Inventory printing costs reimbursed to the Daily Inventory chairperson

Donations were 75\$ and there were no expenses. What is happening with the rent for YMCA. I do not have any records of it being paid for November and December.

Questions/Comments/Discussion:

Greg H – somebody is willing to take on the treasury position but he is also treasurer for Activities.

Alison- she will look into what the guidelines say about conflicts of interest.

RCM:

RCM Report to EANA of the November Regional Meeting

Elections:

Regional Helpline Chair and Vice-Chair positions were abolished. More information shortly.

Publications (Literature): Sylvie elected as Chair

Regional IT: Guy elected as Chair

QRCNA 26: Marc elected as Treasurer

Caroline elected as Alt. Treasurer

Chantal elected as Secretary

CJNA17:

Simon elected as Chair

Cathy elected as Vice-Chair

Annick elected as Secretary

Catherine elected as Treasurer

Regional ASC: Jean-François G. was elected Chair

Luc D. was elected Regional Delegate

Jean-François S. was elected Regional Delegate Alternate
Susan was elected Treasurer
Rachel was re-elected Secretary

Open Regional ASC Positions: ASC Vice-Chair, Alt. Treasurer, Alt. Secretary, Regional Delegate 2nd Alternate

Open Committee positions: Vice-chair PR, Vice-chair Publications, Treasurer Publications,
Vice-chair Translation-Revision, Vice-chair IT,

Admin report:

Admin would like to encourage each Area to adopt a guideline with regards to travel expenses for RCMs when the Regional meeting is held out of town. It is most likely to happen again as several areas have already expressed a desire to host the regional meeting.

Treasurer report: Closing balance \$28,408.61.

Regional Delegates: Other than reading their report on the CANA meeting of delegates in November, there was not much activity. Their reports consists mostly of accounting for their time while there. A copy of their report is available on the NAQuebec.org website (in French only). Two interesting facts are: 1 - that NA literature is now available world-wide in 77 languages and 2: Quebec has been recognized as the French translation resource for NA.

IT – now called TINA in French. They have developed an on-line form which RCMs can use for submitting their reports. It works very well and is much appreciated. The Just for Today Daily meditation is now available to be automatically sent to those wanting to receive it.

Distribution & Publications (Literature): They have revised their price list which is available on the NAQuebec.org website.

PR: Busy two months for PR. Several requests came in for participation in La Semaine de la Toxicomanie and forwarded to the right people but unfortunately the system still has its flaws. Facebook is active and PR reminds us to mention that GSRs must remind people not to click on the NA link for nothing. It costs money.

Helpline: Because of lack of involvement, the Chair and vice-chair positions have now been abolished as the existing structure for that sub-committee wasn't working. To that effect, there is now an interim representative (Denis) for an undetermined period of time. There will no longer be any Helpline subcommittee meetings, only training sessions. A workgroup will be created to look at the best direction to take to grow this sub-committee.

Revision: Living Clean has now been received for translation. Anyone interested is invited to participate in the Skype meeting. Bilingualism is not necessary.

QCRNA 25:

There was much discussion about the fact that without Regional approval, the convention committee decided to send \$6,000 of the \$16,333.71 convention profits directly to WSO. This was apparently done as some kind of protest because Regional Delegates' travel expenses are paid. The privilege of serving as Regional Delegate appears to be based on \$ & ¢ rather than 'desire to serve and competence'. After consensus was reached, the ASC committee got the mandate to get that donation back from WSO while letting WSO know that funds had already been assigned for that purpose in the upcoming budget. There was a unanimous sense of betrayal with regards to mis-direction of funds and dis-respect of the guidelines around the Regional table.

IT: They have been holding their meetings on Skype and doing well. They have asked to be recognized as a permanent Regional Sub-Committee: it was accepted.
Lots of projects are on the table and being reviewed..

H&I: Absent

I'll apologize in advance for the following rant but I have mentioned before that it is very important that EANA contribute more to the region financially. We cannot expect to reap all the benefits the Region offers without passing on funds according to the service structure. There are several areas in Region smaller than ours who are very proud to make donations to Region and I can't understand why we don't do the same. People need to realize that if we don't individually contribute to our Fellowship (all the way up to WSO) we will not survive. The dollar you put in the basket today is not the same dollar you put in years ago. Many people can't afford it and that's ok but there are countless EANA members that

can afford it and don't contribute anything at all. Just ask yourself how much an addict's life is worth to you, even if it's just your own.

Finally, I would like to advise the Area Table that I will not be renewing my term as RCM in May. I would very much appreciate if we could start announcing ASAP that I am open to mentoring my replacement over the next few months until May. This gives the Area ample opportunity to transmit the importance of this position to EANA and to Regional Unity. I'm involved with another regional sub-committee and have decided to dedicate more time at that level.

Thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve.

Christiane eanasister@gmail.com

Areas:

Sud-ouest: They now invite people to "express their gratitude in service" rather than lament the lack of trusted servants. Donation to region: \$1000.00

Open positions

Rive-Sud: Implementing a workgroup responsible for learning and understanding the Consensus process.

Open Positions

Rive-Nord: Donation to region: \$2,200. They have replaced GSR reports at their area meetings by having each GSR fill out a statistics form that goes around the room. This frees up a lot of time that is now dedicated to discussing group issues and finding solutions.

Open positions

Pays d'en Haut: Open positions

Estrie: Spiritual weekend in December, theme: Sponsorship

Open Positions

Centre Mauricie: Proud to say one of their members celebrated 31 years clean. WOW! Donation to region: \$800.00

Open positions

Yamaska: Open positions

Trois-Rivières: Donation to region: \$1,000.00 (9 groups)

Upcoming activity: "A Coeur Ouvert" 19th convention, November 16-17-18 at Hotel Urbana.

Montreal: Interested in meeting with EANA to talk about the possibilities of a local service unit

Taking a survey about the level of interest in a Montreal Area Convention.

Open positions.

Abitibi-Temiscamingue: the 2013 camping activity will last 1 week.

Open positions

Outaouais: They have added a guideline to the CBDM that allows them to return to Robert's Rules when necessary.

All positions are filled.

OIM: Open positions

A discussion on energy drinks was held while keeping in mind tradition 10 that NA has no opinion on outside issues. Each group can establish their own guidelines about them.

Next regional meeting: January 26th & 27th, 2013 on Lafontaine St. in Montreal.

Thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve.

Christiane

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Questions/Comments/Discussion: A discussion ensued about donations and how to manage them in general.

Alison suggests the group donating to Region could be discussed at new Business

Per diems could be discussed at the Admin huddle after the meeting

The presentation will be held for certain if we give them the request. It is suggested to bring this up in New Business

Jenn: She thought we had donated to World. Christianne confirmed EANA has not donated. Related to the help-line there was a possibility of changing the phone number to make it an 1-800-Anonyme or something like that. Jenn would like more information and she would like that info.

Clay: Just for today- could it have an unsubscribe button in order to not receive the emails. He cannot manage to unsubscribe from it. Christianne will email the IT committee to do that

Adam: the donation of \$6000 to WSO. What was the complaint? The regional delegates go to various places and they are paid for transportation, lodging, meals. The regional admin committee at certain points have travelled Abitibi. Amounts are claimed. The protest is that there is too much being spent. Personally, Christianne got the impression is that serving is the privilege and if you cannot pay your own way you should not be able to serve. She did not claim all her expenses and she was happy to donate her expenses. Not everyone has the ability to put out the money to serve NA.

Dean- the price list, are we expected to use these prices? Christianne explained it is not necessary to follow this. Bulletin 21 was specified.

Greg H: the protest is not that they are spending too much or is it they exceed the budget? Christianne explained that the regional treasury budget is given to Adam. There is a forecast for the upcoming year and it is at a deficit. The request is for money from the Area as we do not donate on a regular basis.

Alison would like to discuss the issue at New Business

Ali: wants to be able to summarize to his group. Every GSR should read this memo to their group is what has been requested by Christianne. Everybody has a right to know. Region does send money to WSO, it is just that the convention sent money directly without regional consensus.

Clay: we decide what we do with the money and for that subcommittee to do that is a betrayal because we decide as a region what to do with the money.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities:

We held elections. AJ is the new secretary. Serge L is the treasurer. We also created a position called creative coordinator and their role is to look into activities to be held. Jade was elected to that position.

There is no Xmas event but the New years Eve event is going to be the focus. A lot of people are actively participating in this. A flyer is supposed to be handed out.

120 Duluth December 31st at 6pm- 1:00AM

A lot of good stuff

A DJ and karaoke meal provided, side dishes and donations requested, meal at 6pm, ballon tag meeting at 7pm

Theme: getting real- masquerade masks and countdown.

Activities and games and DJ

Needs to talk with literature will be giving books as a prizes. Purchasing will be more appropriate.

Budget wise they are sticking to budget.

He will be giving a lot himself in order to stay on budget

He wants to show we can have clean and provide a safe place for New Years Eve

The next meeting will be held on **Sunday to be determined.**

Questions/Comments/Discussion:

The amount for rent is outstanding and owed to Day by Day \$15 for rental space- Has this been rectified?

Rent will be \$75.

Tammy: she sent the email to Myriam and she did not want to pressure anything. You are looking for side dish donations and it begins at 6pm. Maybe donations could be brought? She offered to do tarot readings

Adam stated that Tammy could come to do tarot readings

Pascal: what is the cost? Adam explained that donations are voluntary

Haidee: 6120 Lafontaine is holding a Xmas eve event.

Christianne: the new structure is to have project works instead of positions for one year. The project coordinator would work on a particular project. She also questions the voluntary donation as in the past, this leads to little donations.

Greg H- they created a position to encourage the service of newcomers with little clean time. As for donations, he just went ahead to rent the place because he needed a place. He also hopes to make it up with 7th. He just wants to provide a safe place for addicts to celebrate the New Year.

Main dishes are provided and side dishes are requested.

Dean is offering a literature order form and he will see what he can fill in and what he has in stock. He also stated as Christianne did that there are event coordinators for specific events.

Ad hoc:

Absent

Questions/Comments/ Discussion

Convention: The Convention chair is open. Elections will be held.

Daily Inventory:

The New DI is here. She forgot to email the electronic version to Dean so he can post it

Cost is 50,80\$ This is what she paid but with taxes it was \$65,31. If Area feels they can only pay 50,80 it is not a big deal. She will try and find a cheaper place.

At the last Area it was voted on the number of copies and some groups requested copies so the groups should take the copies requested only

There are 50 copies for Region.

There are two groups on the list that are not part of EANA. If it is accepted by Area she will take copies

Sub committee attendance-one other person showed up so it was great.

Submission were excluded from this issue not by choice but Sam helped format it and because of space, some submissions will be added in the next DI

Enveloppes- do the GSR still have them? If so please check it for submissions. If you need one a new envelope will be provided.

Topic: There are 2:

- 1 Sharing and caring the NA way what does that actually mean?
- 2 Recovery comics and art.

Deadline: to be announced

Next meeting for DI is Saturday January 12th 2013 at 7pm.

The Youth Convention is looking for people to chair at their meetings. Age limit 25 years old.

The email is dailyinventorymontreal@gmail.com

Questions/Comments/Discussion:

Hospitals & Institutions:

H&I chairperson's report to ASC meeting, December 9, 2012

There was a bit of controversy at our meeting last Tuesday. As you may recall, I was out of the country for most of November. Before leaving, I had asked the Area vice-chairperson or chairperson to replace me as per the H&I and ASC guidelines, but neither of them was able to attend the November 6 meeting. Under such circumstances, our guidelines state explicitly that the subcommittee meeting is limited to information sharing and no official decisions should be taken. Last weekend, I learned that at the November 6 meeting, Pascal had been elected alternate coordinator for Bordeaux and that certain decisions were made regarding the revision of the guidelines. This raised several questions: firstly, Pascal had not yet been cleared by security at Bordeaux and since this is a prerequisite to be nominated for the position, his election was invalid. Secondly, it had been specifically decided at the October meeting to table the draft guideline amendments until the December 4 meeting.

So we were obliged to revisit these two decisions last Tuesday. Pascal had just obtained security clearance from Bordeaux a week ago, so his previously invalid election was ratified last Tuesday and this matter is now official. Steeve F. was also elected as co-ordinator for the meeting at Onen'tó:kon.

Our subcommittee also completed updating the H&I guidelines, so I am submitting these amendments to the ASC today for approval. It is my understanding they will come up for approval next month or at some future date if the ASC does not have time in January. The "current" version of our H&I guidelines was last revised in 2000 and it had become somewhat outdated. In addition, several amendments that appear in the Area "log of motions" were never incorporated into our own document and, to make things even more confusing, the text in the Area guidelines book for H&I is missing whole sections or does not always correspond to the subcommittee's version. So now we have a single, complete document that is up-to-date and which we can use to get on with our service work without having to refer to three different documents and guess which version is the correct one!

Last month, one of our meeting coordinators had his van stolen and it contained all of the literature and other meeting materials for that facility. So we will have to order more literature than anticipated this month to replenish our inventory. We are still in urgent need of a vice-chairperson, one of whose responsibilities is to organize H&I literature supplies.

Otherwise, meetings at all four of our facilities seem to be going well. Attendance at Bordeaux remains up around 20 due to the absence of the French-language NA meeting that previously took place the same evening.

The following positions on the H&I subcommittee are open:

Vice-chairperson: (one year clean)

Bordeaux coordinator: (one year clean, male, with security clearance);

Foster alternate coordinator: (6 months clean);

Onen'tó:kon alternate coordinator: (6 months clean).

All positions are for a one-year term and require 3 months of H&I experience. This means participating in a total of 3 meetings at a treatment centre, prison or the H&I subcommittee.

Because the first Tuesday of January falls on New Year's Day, the next meeting of our subcommittee has been changed to **Tuesday, January 8 at 7 p.m. at the Back to Basics location** (on Ballantyne). All members are welcome to attend, whether you would like to get involved in carrying the message to addicts who do not have access to regular group meetings or are just curious to find out more about this interesting and rewarding form of service.

In service,
Don M.

Questions/Comments/ Discussion

Literature:

This is his last month taking orders as is it his last month. He will be here next month to hand out the orders. There were orders submitted last minute and he was able to help out. They do have an order for handbooks he is waiting for World to deliver.

If you know anyone with two years clean, it is 6 hours work once a month at most, please step up for the Literature chair
Dean R.

Questions/Comments/ Discussion

Public Relations:

Metting held December 7th at 6:30pm

They organized the booth for the event at Vanier college. Clay and Roberta will be at the booth.

Each month they try to bounce frequently asked questions to meet the needs of a PR presentation

The next regular meeting will be largely focused on going over guidelines with Ad Hoc chair and this will take up some time so a special meeting has been planned for strategic planning.

Special meeting: January 18th 2012 at 6:00 pm meeting for strategic planning-special meeting

Her term is up in mentoring and the chair is open today as well as Vice Chair is also open and it is suggested with 1 year clean with the willingness to be chair in the future

They need a help line rep with 2 years clean and Alternate help line rep with 1 year clean

We have a member who has been on the committee for 4 years clean there is some experience and continuity. She encourages people to come and check it out.

Reminder: Haidee and Jenn will come next month to show PR presentations during special business. Although now this falls with the possibility with Region. However they had booked it first.

Next regular meeting is January 4th 2013 at 6:30pm at Conscious Contact location

Special meeting: January 18th 2012 at 6:00 pm meeting for strategic planning at the Conscious Contact location

Questions/Comments/Discussion:

Christianne asked if they are in regular contact with Region. Jenn confirmed yes.

Admin: 15 minutes allotted to giving of donations, submitting motions, etc.

Recess, reconvene and quorum: 10 minutes.

*****NO MOTIONS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS POINT*****

QUORUM CALL: 11, quorum attained

Old Business: No unresolved old business

Special Business: NONE

Elections:

Prior to elections, the Chair recites the Fourth Concept: "Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants."

RCM/RCMA: OPEN please announce

Alternate Secretary: OPEN please announce 1 year clean

Treasurer: OPEN please announce 3 years clean

PR Chair: Jenn C nominated Haidee. Christianne seconded
Alison read the position description for Public relations Chair.

Haidee gave a description of her service experience. She has been GSR and Secretary Activity chair. She has done PR service for 2 years and is focused on developing relationship with the Region. She is very committed and she was the Secretary for literature. She has sponsors and works her steps. She was Vice Chair of Area and took a small break and she is excited to come back and is looking forward to working with everybody.

Jenn C stated that Haidee has the full support of the PR committee for this position.

Tammy: she has a question about voting rights. If you are part of the Admin, can you represent a group. Alison stated that subcommittee chairs could vote but not Admin members holding a "non-voting position"

Voting took place Haidee was nominated new PR Chair.

Convention Treasurer: OPEN please announce 5 years clean

Convention Chair: OPEN please announce 3 years clean

New Business:

Two points

1. Presentation from regional admin committee would like to give us a presentation on Auto financing in Narcotics Anonymous

Presentation from PR at the January Area meeting. Do we agree about this presentation in January 2013.

Alison believes we should honor the PR presentation in January in special business and asks if regional can come in February instead.

Haidee pointed out that we get consensus on whether there is interest in even having this presentation.

Alison agrees that we should talk about this. Do we agree?

Greg: do we mean self supporting? It seems like EANA has not been donating and Region is bullying us to donate. It should be through our own contributions.

Adam: he feels that we should be able to decide what we donate

Myriam: this presentation would help makes us and the groups aware of the need of NA

Christianne: It is not a money grab thing and suggests people look at the documentation the needs of NA World.

Dean: we do not need to have such excess in the account. We need the GSR to bring back to groups. Dean feels we should have it in February

Alison: feels a presentation is a benefit. We are free to decide if we want to give. It is a transfer of knowledge.

Prudent reserve is \$500,00

Clay: he was pretty taken aback about the presentation and call from Secretary. But he feels a presentation would be great. Our culture is not donating and coming in with a 7\$ coffee and putting 50 cents in the basket. Maybe the culture does not reflect the reality of what we are doing. How the money is helping people?

Christianne: it was not about bullying, it is about the importance and her personal opinion about how this is important.

Consensus was performed. 100% consensus achieved. The regional admin presentation will be held in February 2013

2. There was a group that wanted to donate to Region directly. What should we do in this circumstance?

Adam: there are two points. It is at the group level; the groups can do whatever they want with their money. The group has the final say. A suggestion though is that if a group wants to donate to region, they could donate to Area with the purpose of donating it to the Region in that amount. He knows at least in Ottawa the groups do this with a specification. Groups have the final say with respect to how their donation is being spent.

Dean: while each group is autonomous, it is to the extent of EANA as a whole. Therefore we have to look at how their donation affects NA as a whole. Do they want to be part of this Area? They should come to the table and state they want a donation to the Region.

Greg: Dean covered the points. A donation is a donation. If you attach strings to it then it is not a donation.

Clay: It was Conscious Contact that wanted to donate directly to the Region. They looked at literature regarding fund flow and they decided to donate to all levels of service. By donating they help fund them. They are not suggesting that they will not donate to Area and if they do, the Area can decide what to do with the money. He is surprised by the reaction.

Myriam: I understand why the groups do this because if the Area is not donating to region and a group cannot earmark their money, what else can they do? What are the options? There was a time when a donation to region was proposed and it was not done.

Haidee: maybe this presentation will really help. And this needs to be spoken about so we can see how the money is being flowed.

Ron: he feels that this is causing some conflict and he does not think it is right.

Adam says the group can come to Area and bring up a donation proposal to Area and decide based on consensus

Group Statistics

Donations: \$

Attendees:

Newcomers:

Literature Orders: \$

GSR REPORTS

Awakenings: Attendance: 157. Newcomers: 2. Area donation: \$100. Literature order: \$0

November 1st moved to 6225 Godfrey corner Grand. Take Villa Maria bus 162 Or 103. Annexed to the Church.

Wheelchair accessible. Will be CLOSED during the holidays

Back to Basics: Attendance: 57. Newcomers: 1. Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$51,50

Open positions are GSR 6 months clean, Pot Luck on December 25th and January 1st as this group will be open during the holidays.

Circle Thursday: Attendance: Newcomers: 0. Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0 no stats available

Open during the holidays. No business was held.

All positions are filled. Nothing to report.

Conscious Contact: Attendance: 50. Newcomers: 2. Area donation: \$40. Literature order: \$50

Open positions: Clay is GSR, GSRA. Group card making activity and sent cards to organizations. 40 to region and Cana and 40 to WSO. Open during the holidays

Day by Day: Attendance: 46. Newcomers: 0. Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0

Need a GSR and GSRA. Format change, read JFT in English and French, open sharing. Last meeting of the month there is a speaker.

Free on Friday: Attendance: . Newcomers: . Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0 no stats available for December

Open positions are GSRA 6 months clean and Treasurer 2 years clean. 140 in November 4 NC

In Fokus: Attendance: Newcomers: Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0 Absent.

Inside Job: Attendance: 71. Newcomers:3. Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$11,00

Alternate Secretary. November 3rd moved to Saint Philippe Church. 3400 Connaught, corner Sherbrooke. Take Vendome 105 to the end. Enforce no pets policy. Alt secretary open. Open during holidays

Lighthouse: Attendance: Newcomers: Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0 absent

Marefat: Attendance: Newcomers: Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0

No stats available

New Beginning: Attendance: 74. Newcomers:3. Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0

Need a GSR and a Secretary and a Treasurer. Discussion and suggestions were offered. Things have been better and they are suffering financially. No area donation

Out of the Dark: Attendance: Newcomers: Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0

Secretary position elected Nicolas. Open during the holidays

Saturday Night Clean: Attendance: Newcomers: Area donation: \$0. Literature order: \$0

Treasurer 1 year, GSR and GSRA 3 months. No stats available. Open during the holidays.

Serenity Sisters: Attendance: Newcomers: Area donation: \$20. Literature order: \$12

Mary Ellen was elected as GSR. Jordan was elected GSRA. All positions are filled.

Show Me How to Live: Attendance: Newcomers: Literature order: \$. Area donation: \$ Absent.

Step by Step: Attendance: . Newcomers: 0. Literature order: \$0 Area donation: \$20.

John D is treasurer GSR 6 months and GSRA 3 months are open. David is Secretary

Take it or Leave it: Attendance: 107. Newcomers: 3. Area donations: \$0. Literature orders: \$0.

Will inquire about holiday closures.

The Steps Work: Attendance: 14 Newcomers: 0. Area donation: \$20. Literature order: \$0.

The Steps Work meeting is having a Christmas party on Saturday December 22nd starting at 6 pm. It is a potluck meal, so please bring something. The meal will be followed by our regular meeting at 7:30, followed by caroling and dancing. Join us for a fun-filled Christmas party in the country!

Through Prayer and Meditation: Attendance: Newcomers: Literature order: \$0. Donations: \$25, 00.

Huge French attendance. English is low. Will be CLOSED during the holiday December 25th and January 1st.

CELEBRATIONS!!

Ed W	19 years	Dec. 18 th	Awakenings
Ali A	1 year	Dec 17 th	TIOLI
Jesse A	4 years	Dec. 9 th	TIOLI

Verna	7 years	Dec. 29 th	Inside Job
Jordan V	2 years	January 4 th	Free on Friday
Lee	18 months	Dec. 19 th	Out of the Dark
Pacal	1 year	Jan 25 th	Free on Friday
Steve	19 years	Jan. 4 th	Free on Friday
Myriam	18 months	Jan. 10 th	Serenity Sisters.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK TO BASICS 27TH POTLUCK TUESDAY December 25th 2012 and January 1st 2013
POT LUCK AT 7PM MEETING AT 8PM.

NEW YEARS EVE EVENT DECEMBER 31st 2012 held at 120 DULUTH at the Day by Day location.

Starts at: 6 pm meal will be served

Meeting at: 7pm

Activites: DJ, Karaoke, etc...

Costs: donations are voluntary

South shore Xmas party and potluck December 25th 2012 at 4 pm

1104 Deslauriers Longueil

Set up welcome starts at 12 pm

Francophone more information call Mario 514 834 5101

All welcome.

Questions and comments:

Myriam: I am grateful to be serving and it helps me practice patience. In addition, I find that we rush through group issues, everybody leaves and we should keep in mind that the groups should be the focus of Area or that there should be a balance of time between subcommittees and groups.

Christianne: contribution could be used instead of the word donation. She would also like to bring up the topic that a sheet be given and the stats be written down and then we could spend more time addressing the issues. Our time could be better spent doing that

David: the group does not have a bank account. Does a group have to have one? No. He remembers there was discussions about this at Area and this is autonomous and the group should not announce their donations at the ASC Area meeting

Nixsy: Thank you for letting me serve

Dean: Thank you. We did not have a treasurer report, there is something to bring to Admin. It is nice to see that between what Clay and Myriam said he has changed his mind, he sees no issue with where you want to donate money or the presentation to be given in February. Dean thanks those who are still here.

Haidee; the GSR reports used to be in the beginning but they would leave. She is grateful for all contributions

Clay: sounds like we need to talk about money some more. How we report how we call it who and how we give it to. What he loves about his group the members have a personal responsibility to NA. They donate a lot because they feel a sense of responsibility. All groups are autonomous and they will make their own decisions but to talk about how to be responsible, it may be done through our sponsors and sponsees, our culture is different in certain Areas. An example is leaving before the end of a meeting. We feel that we are responsible to make sure the meeting happens. He is a bit worried. Treatment centres have stopped sending people to NA. He is worried about his recovery.

Steve: Glad to be here, thank you for letting me serve

AJ: Likes what Dean and Clay had to say. Grateful to be here. Becoming more comfortable with his position

Jade; Grateful to be here, it was nice to know what Area is like. It was interesting and she sees what the point is

Jason: I love this program and the money and the service structure he has an understanding of it and he is new to the table so he does not want to rock the boat but he is opinionated. He feels that when he puts money he has faith it will go where it needs to go. Not donating to groups, or to the Region or the WSO; it has a trickledown effect and it is important to talk about it. He is going to have an opinion and a voice. We are all here to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. The addict is part of us and our family.

Ron: Earlier somebody mentioned they changed their minds but we should have a surplus go somewhere. Money must go somewhere.

Verna: Enjoyed today's discussion and she agrees with a lot of stuff and it helped her grow.

Adam: Express his concern over the mass exodus at break. There are times we leave early there is a reason we took service positions. If you leave at break, it affects quorum. You are representing your group and the group loses its voice. Likes the suggestion about streamlining the group report process to focus on group issues

Alison: It was nice to have discussions about important topics. To have a full 15 minute question period, people were reflecting on the conversations that we had.

The next Admin meeting will be January 29th at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, at Back to Basics.**

The next Area meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13th, 2013, at 10:00 am at the YMCA downtown room 508.

The meeting closed at 13:15 pm with a circle and a prayer.